The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Monday, the 21st March 1921, the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur Sir P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions, and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Roofing of Bezwada railway platform.

414 *Q.*—Mr. S. R. Y. ANKINEDU PRASAD: To ask the Hon'bble the Home Member—

(*a*) with reference to my question No. 249 and the answer given thereto, at the last sitting of the Legislative Council, whether he will inquire further of the Agent to the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company : (1) which number of passengers is greater and is more inconvenienced of the two sets, viz., (i) passengers transhipping from north-going mail trains referred to in his answer, to His Exalted Highness the Nizam's Guaranteed State Railway trains, or (ii) passengers transhipping from the Calcutta-Madras Mail trains and the Nizam's Guaranteed Railway trains to the trains going to the Ceded Districts via Guntūr and Masulipatam and from these latter again to the former; and passengers who tranship from the passenger and other local trains to the Madras-Calcutta and the Nizam's State Railway trains and those who get in and get out at Bezwada;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that both the two sets of trains mentioned above used to be received on the same side of the old platform at a small distance between the two before the erection of the new station;

(*c*) whether such arrangement inconvenienced the passengers in any way;

(*d*) whether it is not possible to make the same arrangement even now so as to receive the said trains at the covered portion of the platform;

(*e*) if these trains cannot be so received, whether it is not convenient to receive at least the Madras-Calcutta Mail trains on the covered portion of the platform in view of the fact that no trains are received on that platform at the time when the above mail trains reach Bezwada;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that transhipping passengers are put to great inconvenience and expense in having to walk a long distance between the trains and to pay a large amount of coolie hire; and

(*g*) whether any representation has been made by the passengers to receive the Calcutta-Madras trains and the Nizam's Railway trains at both sides of the same platform as now.

A.—The question will be transmitted to the Agent.

Sadler's report on secondary education.

415 *Q.*—Mr. S. R. Y. ANKINEDU PRASAD: To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Education—

(*a*) to state the approximate date when the Senate of the Madras University will publish their opinion on secondary education based on the Sadler Commission's report; and

(*b*) whether he cannot urge on the University its early publication.

A.—From the discussion in the Senate reported in the newspapers, the Government understand that the Senate have completed their consideration of the Report of the Calcutta University Commission.

Headquarters hospital, Masulipatam.

416 Q.—Mr. S. R. Y. ANKINEDU PRASAD : To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Local Self-Government—

(*a*) whether any estimates have been submitted for re-building the Masulipatam headqarters hospital on modern lines ; and

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to consider the scheme favourably at an early date.

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The question will be considered by the Government.

Minors under the Court of Wards.

417 Q.—Mr. S. R. Y. ANKINEDU PRASAD : To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member to state—

(*a*) how many minors are now under the guardianship of the Court of Wards ; how many of them belong to the Telugu and Tamil sections respectively ; and

(*b*) what arrangements have been made for their education after Newington was closed.

A.—(*a*) There are thirteen minors now under the guardianship of the Court of Wards, of whom one belongs to the Telugu section and eleven to the Tamil section.

(*b*) Arrangements have been made for their education in their districts under suitable guardians and tutors. Most of them are studying in local schools or colleges.

Non-co-operation in the Presidency.

418 Q.—Mr. S. R. Y. ANKINEDU PRASAD : To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member to inquire and publish a statement as to how far non-co-operation has been found effective with regard to following particulars, mentioning in each case the taluk and district as far as possible :—

(*a*) the number of persons who have given up (1) titles and (2) honorary offices ;

(*b*) the number of pleaders who have (1) suspended practice and (2) given up practice entirely ;

(*c*) the number of (1) college students and (2) high school students who gave up studies ; and

(*d*) the number of national institutions started after the commencement of this movement, their strength and condition.

A.—(*a*) So far as is known 51 persons have resigned honorary offices, such as honorary magistrates and municipal councillors, and six persons have relinquished their titles.

(*c*) The Government understand that at the beginning of March 1921 the number of students actually absent from schools and colleges for reasons suspected to be connected with non-co-operation was 820.

(*b*) & (*d*) The Government have no information.